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SUBJECT: FRG-BURMA AID AGREEMENT

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED NEW FRG-BURMA AID AGREEMENT WITH DR. BARTHELT, DIRECTOR OF SOUTH-EAST ASIAN OFFICE IN FRG MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION. BARTHELT CONFIRMED THE AMOUNTS AND BREAKDOWN OF FRG ASSISTANCE IN 1974-75 PROVIDED IN REF AIRGRAM. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT AGREEMENT WAS ONLY INITIALED ON NOV 2, AND THAT FRG IS WAITING FOR GUB RATIFICATION BEFORE STARTING PROGRAM. RATIFICATION IS EXPECTED IN DEC.

2. THE KREDITANSTALT FUER WIEDERAUFBAU (KFW) IS NOW REVIEWING PROPOSALS FOR REHABILITATING THE BAWDWIN MINES, WHICH BARTHELT DESCRIBED AS PRODUCING PRIMARILY LEAD AND ZINC, WITH SOME SILVER. WHILE THE FRG RECOGNIZES THAT MORE THAN DM 65 MILLION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR REHABILITATION, THE FRG DELEGATION WHICH NEGOTIATED THE NOV 2 AGREEMENT TOLD

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THE GUB THAT THIS WOULD BE THE LIMIT OF ITS

ASSISTANCE AND THAT ADDITIONAL COSTS ENTAILING FOREIGN
AS WELL AS LOCAL PROCUREMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE
BORNE BY GUB. ACCORDING TO BARTHELT, GUB SIDE
AGREED, AND THIS GUB COMMITMENT IS SET FORTH IN
NOV 2 AGREEMENT.

3. IN ADDITION TO OIL PRODUCTION PROJECTS AND
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FEASIBILITY STUDIES, FRG
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT IS TO BE USED FOR OIL
AND MINERAL EXPLORATION PROJECTS.
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